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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the CONTINUATION application of U.S. Serial No. 09/674,530, filed November 24, 2000, which is a 371 of PCT/EP99/03659, filed May 27, 1999, of:

**Andrea BUCHACHER, Djuro JOSIC, Gerhard GRUBER, and Guenther IBERER**

**for A PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION AND/OR ISOLATION OF PLASMA PROTEINS BY MEANS OF ANNULAR CHROMATOGRAPHY.**

The application comprises a 13-page specification, including 13 claims (1 independent) and Abstract and 5 sheets of drawings.

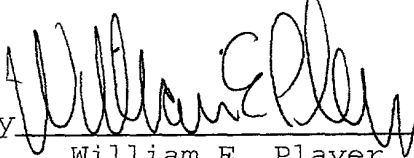
Petition to extend the life of the above prior application to at least the date hereof is being concurrently filed in that prior application.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (without Declaration or Filing Fee). The required Declaration and Filing Fee will be filed subsequently.

Should a fee be necessary to obtain a filing date, e.g. paying the basic fee for nationalizing a PCT application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees set forth in §§1.17 or 1.492 during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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